GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA

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PRODUCTION OF BETAL LEAVES
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the types of betal leaves being produced in the country;

(b) whether the Government are aware that the betal leaf is becoming costlier day by day;

(c) if so, the reaction of the Government thereto and the steps taken by the Government to check the escalating price of betel leaves;

(d) whether the betal leaves are exported abroad; and

(e) if so, the names of the countries where it is exported?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SHRIPAD Y. NAIK)

(a): There are number of varieties of betel leaves produced in the country, based on shape, size, brittleness, taste of leaf blade and other characters. Betelvine is classified in different types namely pungent and non-pungent, some of the important varieties grown in India are given below:

Karapaku, chennor, Tallaku, Bangla Assam Patti, Awani pan, Desi pan, Calcutta,Paton, Maghi, Kalkodi, Puthukodi, Kapoori, Nova Cuttak, Sanchi, Vellaikodi, Pachai, Deswari, Mitha, and Kali Bangla.

(b): As per available information the price of betel leaves has exhibited declining trend in local markets of Kerala during 2001. No unprecedented increase in price of betel leaves has been reported.

(c): Does not arise in view of (b) above.

(d) & (e): Betel leaves from India are mainly exported to Canada, Pakistan, United Kingdom, Sri Lanka and Bangaladesh.